
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



LOVING SERVICE

“Loving Service”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

FEB. 4, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" - No. 126

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus

"There's Something About That Name" - No. 171

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

"Loving Service"

Choir Anthem

"We Come Together Here" - No. 170

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Sharing Signs of Peace and The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer and The Bread & Cup

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"Spirit Song" - No. 347

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Death Was Arrested"

"Graves Into Gardens"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Majesty"

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon

"Loving Service"

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Announcements and Offering

"Bless God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Allison Ometz,
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF FEB. 4

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

Men's Group

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

WEEK OF FEB. 11

Widows/Widowers Lunch

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Pie Pick-Up

Saturday, 12 - 2 p.m.

*Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!*



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF FEB. 4

Sunday

Worship

Monday

2 Kings 2:1-12

Tuesday

Psalms 50:1-6

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Thursday

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Friday

Mark 9:2-9

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the
glory of God and in memory of my
parents, Paul and Virginia Miller by
Marilyn Donak.

TEACHING NOTES

“Loving Service”

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ *As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.* ³⁰ *Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.* ³¹ *He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and **she began to serve them.***

Mark 1:29-31

1. Simon’s mother-in-law got up and served.

diakonos = “to wait tables”

*He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and **the angels waited on him.***

Mark 1:13

⁴³ *“But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,”* ⁴⁴ *and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.* ⁴⁵ ***For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”***

Mark 10:43-45

2. Simon’s mother-in-law served out of love.

“Astonishingly, God chooses to work through available vessels, no matter how broken or worn we seem to be, in whatever circumstances we happen to be. Royalty and servants, bosses and workers, able-bodied and infirm, all have one basic vocation. All are called to consent to the work of Christ in their life; all are called to show the love of Jesus to others by the same Spirit.”

– Garrett Scott Dawson,
Companions in Christ

When have you experienced the healing touch of Jesus?

3. Simon’s mother-in-law began to serve them and continued to serve them.

³² *That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons.* ³³ *And the whole city was gathered around the door.* ³⁴ *And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.*

Mark 1:32-34

“I don’t know what your destiny will be. But one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

– Albert Schweitzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Wonderful Wednesday | Starts Feb. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Children, youth and adults are all invited to participate in this six-week fellowship and learning program. Enjoy a family-style meal together at 5 p.m., followed by small group Bible studies at 6. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app!

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. In their current study, "Kingdom Heroes," Dr. Tony Evans explores how the journeys of Old Testament heroes, such as Abraham, Noah and Moses, can help you build a strong and enduring faith. Contact Barry Eaton if interested.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group meets in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or want to join this group.

Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Fill one out during worship and place it in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Join us at Hope United Methodist Church (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Passion Play Experience | March 28

Signups are officially open for our 2024 Passion Play Experience! If you're interested in participating on stage or behind the scenes in our interactive retelling of the life of Jesus, register on Church Center or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) or Sarah Pugh (worship@fumchurch.com).

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church helps serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To learn how you can help or if you would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Printed Church Directories

Printed church directories are available! If you'd like to have one placed in your church mailbox, please contact the office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611). You can always update your information and view a digital version of the directory on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com.



GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Orders due NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 11

The Handbell Choir is selling homemade cherry and apple pies. Submit your order by signing up on the clipboard outside the sanctuary, contacting Kathie Bittenbender or reaching out to a handbell choir member. Pick up your pies on Saturday, Feb. 17 between noon and 2 p.m.. Thank you for your support!

Giving to First Church

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. If you have a church mailbox, a copy of your 2023 giving statement has been placed inside. If you don't have a church mailbox, a copy of your statement has been mailed to you. You can always view your annual statement and other donation history on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com.

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Wee Worship and Kids Worship

Every Sunday these special worship programs are held (for kids through fifth grade) at the 11 a.m. service.

**Wonderful Wednesday |
Starts Feb. 14**

YOUTH

Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G — First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Coming Up

Easter Sunrise Service | March 31

Youth Sunday | April 7

Mission Trip | June 30 - July 6

Thanks for joining us in worship!

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at fumchurch.com)
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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REMEMBER



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